

SC Arts Commission  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
held at  
The Gibbes Museum  
Charleston, SC  
Wednesday, May 23 – Friday, May 25, 2001

Members present	Chairman Pat Wilson, Virginia Self, Carrie Brown, Pam Harpootlian, Patrick Van Huss
Members absent	Elizabeth Adams, Judy Cooter, Sybil Whitenburg, Carolyn Govan
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Marion Draine, Rusty Sox
Guests present	David Stinson, member-elect
Call to order	Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.
Introductions	Ms. Wilson introduced David Stinson, who will be joining the board as a new member later this year. Ms. Wilson expressed thanks to the Gibbes Museum and to its director Paul Figueroa for hosting the board meeting. Mr. Figueroa welcomed the board on behalf of the museum.
Approval of Minutes	Ms. Wilson asked for corrections or changes to the minutes of February 28, 2001. There were none.
Motion	Ms. Harpootlian moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2001 meeting. Mr. Van Huss seconded. The motion was approved.
Commissioners' reports	<p><u>State Art Collection</u> Ms. Wilson reported that the State Art Collection acquisitions committee has narrowed its field and is now making studio visits.</p> <p><u>Verner Awards</u> Ms. Wilson complimented those involved with organizing events associated with the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner/Governor's Awards for the Arts. Discussion followed on the role of the S.C. Arts Foundation and some suggestions for next year's events.</p> <p><u>Cultural Visions Council</u> Ms. Harpootlian reported on her observations of the Cultural Visions Council.</p> <p>William Starrett, Artistic Director of the Columbia City Ballet, arrived at 2:01 p.m.</p>
Chairman's report	<u>Wallace/Reader's Digest Funds grant</u>

Ms. Wilson congratulated and thanked Deputy Director Ken May for his work in securing the Wallace/Reader's Digest Funds grant.

Senate Budget Hearing

Ms. Wilson addressed the Senate budget committee with the agency's budget request.

House Arts Caucus

The House Arts Caucus met on May 10 and several leaders in the House of Representatives attended. Approximately half of the members of the house have joined the caucus.

Exec. Director report Senate Arts Caucus

Ms. Surkamer reported that the Senate Arts Caucus had met on March 3, 2001.

Meetings with legislators

Ms. Surkamer and Ms. Wilson have recently met with Senators Giese and Ravenel.

Coca-Cola Scholars

Ms. Surkamer recently served on the Coca-Cola Scholars national selection committee in Atlanta.

Triennial Exhibition

The Triennial exhibition, co-sponsored by SCAC and the State Museum, is now open at the State Museum in Columbia. Ms. Surkamer encouraged all members to see the exhibit.

Arts Education Summit

Ms. Surkamer attended the S.C. Arts Education Summit May 7-8 with staff member Josie Bright-Stone.

Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Awards

The commission presented the Folk Heritage Awards with McKissick Museum on April 26 during a joint legislative session at the State House.

Staff appointment

Josie Bright Stone has been appointed to serve on the National Endowment for the Arts Arts Education Coordinators Advisory Committee.

Staff appreciation

The agency participated in State Employee Appreciation Week with a morning reception at the office and several other activities.

Fiction Project Anthology

Ms. Surkamer announced the publication of *Inheritance*, an anthology of short stories by authors participating through the years in the SCAC Fiction Project.

SCAC building

The state purchased the building at 1800 Gervais Street in Columbia on April 1.

Poet Laureate search

Governor Hodges announced at the Verner Awards that he is setting up a selection committee to find a new poet laureate for South Carolina. Sara June Goldstein will represent the SCAC on the committee.

Annual and Biennial Grant Panels

Ms. Surkamer encouraged board members to observe grant panel meetings to become familiar with how they operate. She explained board members' roles as observers during the meetings.

Kathie DeNobriga, facilitator for the board's long-range planning discussions, arrived at 2:35 p.m.

Columbia City Ballet  
Appeal

Ms. Wilson introduced William Starrett, who made an appeal for emergency funding on behalf of the Columbia City Ballet. Mr. Starrett pointed out the CCB was in need of \$18,000 before July 15, 2001 and \$73,000 before October 31, 2001 in order to continue operating.

William Starrett departed at 3:05 p.m.

Financial Statement

Ms. Surkamer presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report. There was one date correction.

Motion

Ms. Brown moved to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report. Ms. Harpootlian seconded. The motion was approved.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. for a tour of the School for the Building Arts.

**THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001**

Members present

Chairman Pat Wilson, Virginia Self, Carrie Brown, Pam Harpootlian, Patrick Van Huss, Carolyn Govan, David Stinson (member elect)

Members absent

Elizabeth Adams, Judy Cooter, Sybil Whitenburg

Staff present

Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Marion Draine, Rusty Sox, Harriett Green, Jeanette Guinn

Facilitator

Kathie DeNobriga

Call to order

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Introduction	Ms. Wilson introduced Kathie DeNobriga, who led the members in a facilitated discussion of the agency's long-range planning process.
Long-range planning	Members heard a presentation from Jeanette Guinn on the results of a public opinion survey, interviews with business and community leaders, and written responses to the <i>Canvas of the People</i> questions.
Motion	Ms. Govan moved that the meeting go into executive session in order to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation. Ms. Brown seconded and the motion was approved.
Executive Session	The board went into executive session at 11:35 a.m. It resumed its general session at 11:50 a.m.
Columbia City Ballet Funding Request	Members discussed the appeal for emergency funding from the Columbia City Ballet.
Lunch	Members broke for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
Motion	Ms. Self moved that the Arts Commission advance the Columbia City Ballet its anticipated grant funds for next year, with the amount of the advance to be based on the current year's grant minus 25% contingent upon their production of a reasonable financial plan. Mr. Van Huss seconded. The motion was approved.
Long-range planning	The board continued its facilitated discussion of the long-range planning process, in which members identified broad issues in the arts based on the information presented to them throughout the day. The results are attached.
	Pat Wilson and Patrick Van Huss departed at 2:55 p.m. Ms. Govan presided in Ms. Wilson's absence.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

## **FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2001**

Members present	Carrie Brown, Pam Harpootlian, Patrick Van Huss, Carolyn Govan, David Stinson (member elect)
Members absent	Elizabeth Adams, Judy Cooter, Virginia Self, Sybil Whitenburg, Chairman Pat Wilson

Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Marion Draine, Harriett Green, Rusty Sox, Jeanette Guinn
Guests present	Nigel Redden, Nina Ozlu, Cathy Wood, Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Bill Ivey
Call to order	Ms. Govan, presiding for Chairman Wilson, called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.
Introduction	<p>Ms. Surkamer introduced Nigel Redden, director of Spoleto U.S.A. Mr. Redden updated the board on current Spoleto activities, including the announcement of a \$25 million capital campaign.</p> <p>Ms. Wilson arrived at 9:02 a.m.</p>
Introduction	Ms. Surkamer introduced Nina Ozlu of Americans for the Arts. Ms. Ozlu updated the board on her organization's activities. She announced that National Arts Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 11-12, 2002. Americans for the Arts will be engaging in a national public awareness campaign for arts education.
Introduction	<p>Ms. Surkamer introduced Scott Shanklin-Peterson of the National Endowment for the Arts, who introduced Bill Ivey, Chairman of the National Endowment. Mr. Ivey spoke about the NEA as he concludes his tenure as chairman.</p> <p>Ms. Moryl arrived at 10:08. Ms. Wilson introduced Ms. Moryl, who is director of Piccolo Spoleto. Ms. Moryl spoke about this year's offerings and the growth of the Piccolo Spoleto festival.</p>
Adjourn	There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.